

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the final official action of April 1, 2009, wherein (a) claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-16, and 20-27 were pending; (b) claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-16, 21-23, 25, and 26 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over Chen US 2003/0009580 A1 ("Chen") in view of Nandagopalan US 2003/0093526 A1 ("Nandagopalan"); (c) claims 5 and 20 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over Chen and Nandagopalan in view of 'QBone Signaling Design Team ("QBone"); and (d) claims 7, 24, and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable in substance.

This response is timely filed.

By the foregoing, claims 1, 8, 21, and 25 have been amended to clarify the language of the claims and to more particularly claim the invention. Claims 6, 7, 24, and 27 have been canceled, without prejudice. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10-16, 20-23, 25, and 26 are pending in the application. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and below-provided remarks.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and Allowable Subject Matter

All claim rejections are based on Chen in combination with Nandagopalan (claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-16, 21-23, 25, and 26) or Chen in combination with Nandagopalan and 'QBone (claims 5 and 20). Claims 7, 24, and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable in substance.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matters of claims 6 and 7. Thus claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 10-16, and 20 which depend from claim 1 are now in condition for allowance as well.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Thus claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 22 and 23 which depend from claim 21 are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 27. Thus claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 26 which depends from claim 25 is also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

A prompt indication of allowability of all claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10-16, 20-23, 25, and 26 is earnestly solicited.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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